



ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL HERALD



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CATHEDRAL LAUNCHES 70TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

Wednesday, October 26 was an historic day. It began with the Divine Liturgy in commemoration of the Great Martyr Demetrios the Myroblete (Exuder of Myrrh). It concluded with a gathering of some 70 parishioners, who came together to help plan appropriate celebrations for our 70th year as the Annunciation.

(Recall that, 15 years earlier, in 1921, the Parish was created as St. Sophia. It was then located at Hayes and Pierce Streets in San Francisco. Soon after, it became St. Sophia Cathedral and, in 1927, moved to its present location on Valencia Street. In 1936, it reorganized. Its corporate name is: United Greek Orthodox Community of San Francisco, The Annunciation. Except for a brief period when St. Sophia's in Los Angeles was named Cathedral for the then Archdiocesan District, the Annunciation Cathedral has served as the ecclesiastical seat of the Bishop, now Metropolitan, of the seven Western States.)

Our anniversary, then, is a big deal. It marks the incredible history, the birth and rebirth of this remarkable parish. Not least because of the diligence of parish lay leadership like Dr. Christ Abramopoulos, Peter Boudoures, Peter George, John Velisaratos, Dr. Peter T. Angel, John P. Filios, John A. Hodges, Demetrios Chalias, Michael S. Mountanos, Cosmas Davies, George Morf, Christ Catharios, Spyros Lavdiotis, Stelios M. Andrew, Nick Delis, John P. George, Triant D. Prepouses, John Zakos, Peter Kardassakis, George D. Mourgos, Arthur C. Gekas, Angelo T. Mountanos, Gus M. Lekas, George M. Costuros, Alexander M. Glaros, John B. Vlahos, George P. Mattis, Frank P. Agnost, Irene Gianaras, Thomas A. Nuris, George A. Andrews, Patricia Aleck, and James P. Dariotes, all of whom served over the years as presidents of Parish Councils. Or of Anastasia Gounarides, Katina Abramopoulos, Evdoxia Psaltis, Maria Rokas, Maria Andreou, Angeliki Gofas, Maria Panagoulis, Anna Loutas, Emily Tamaras, Georgia Vouchilas, Georgia Evangelatos, Dorothy Kaplanis, Thespa Demakas, Lillian Cherakis, Bessie Vaganas, Emily Bagatelos, Arlene Angelonides, Mary Tsougarakis, Zella Mountanos, Effie Tamaras, Lillian Drake, Anna Mountanos, Cleo Mattis, Connie Panagotacos White, and Angie Leventis, all of whom served as presidents of the Ladies Philoptochos.

Or of the spiritual leadership of Fathers Philaretos Johannides (later bishop of Chicago), Pythagoras Caravellas, Spyridon Spyropoulos, Vasilios Lokis, Timothy Pantelakis, Polyefktos Finfinis (later bishop of Pittsburgh), Meletios Tripodakis (who became Bishop of this Archdiocesan District), John Geranios, Theophilos P. Theophilos and Stephen H. Kyriacou, all of whom served as Deans of the Cathedral, from its inception in 1921 to the present day. Or of the many women and men who continue to serve in this holy house and to lead its many programs,

including Chanters, Choir, Sunday School, Greek Language School, JOY, GOYA, YAL, Boys and Girls and Men's and Women's Basketball, Bible Study, Orthodox Church Life, Adult Religious Education, Greek Folk Dancing, Summer Camp, and even Volleyball. Thousands of people over the years have considered the Cathedral to be their parish, their spiritual home. And the Cathedral is determined to poise itself for a bright future and for generations to come, perpetuating our Greek Orthodox Faith and Heritage. More recently, the Cathedral has embraced the Eritrean Orthodox Community, until they are able, one day, to establish a community of their own. While a few families have been members of the Cathedral as far back as the 1960's, only recently has that community grown in sufficient numbers to warrant creation of a community of their own in San Francisco.

The history of the Cathedral has been one of growth, progress, and diversity. As an inner-city parish, located in the heart of San Francisco, it has been subject to both the opportunities and challenges of inner city life. As the community continues to evolve, it looks forward to the challenges which lie ahead. One of these has to do with accommodating more on-site parking and building a church. Toward this end, the parish leadership is exploring a number of options with a view to developing a Phase II plan for adoption by the community in 2006. Tom Nuris has accepted chairmanship of this Phase II Kickoff.

Second, a Commemorative Book will be printed, containing a history of the community, complete with photographs, along with a blueprint for its future, congratulatory letters, and your greetings and felicitations, along the lines of our Festival Souvenir Program Book, only bigger, and certainly a keepsake. Angie Leventis has accepted chairmanship of the 70th Anniversary Commemorative Book.

Third, a Banquet is being planned for **Saturday, November 11, 2006**, at a venue to be determined. The Banquet Committee is charged with a number of tasks including: reception, venue, dinner, invitations, decorations, program (consisting of, e.g. audio-visual presentation, guest performance(s), speaking program, etc.), music, dancing, entertainment, and commemorative gifts and favors. Patricia Aleck has accepted chairmanship of the 70th Anniversary Banquet.

Then, there are a number of events which will take place during the course of our 70th year. For example, the Cathedral will host the 2006 Archdiocese National Oratorical Festival, which will be held June 2-4, with **Archbishop Demetrios** and other hierarchs in attendance, and a number of finalists from throughout the country participating. On March 21, 2006, the Cathedral will host the Women's Board of the Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute (PAOI), part of the Graduate Theological Union at

Berkeley, for an all-day meeting.

On Saturday, March 4, the Cathedral will present **Dr. Anton Vrame** for an all-day spiritual renewal workshop/conference, open to the entire Bay Area. Dr. Vrame, Director of the PAOI, will address the topic: What makes us Orthodox. The day will begin with Divine Liturgy at 10 and will continue with the workshop/conference and lunch, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

These are only some of the events which will take place at the Cathedral in our 70th year. These, and others, highlight the Cathedral as both a parish and a center of ecclesiastical life for the Bay Area and for the entire Metropolis.

OFFICIAL: PARISH ASSEMBLY: **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

Parishioners of the Cathedral, who are in good standing with the Cathedral, are invited to attend and participate in our second Parish Assembly of 2005. The Assembly will convene in the Korinthias Hall, on Sunday, November 20, 2005, following the Divine Liturgy. The agenda is as follows:

Opening Prayer

1. Election of Assembly Chair
 2. Minutes of the Mary 15, 2005 Parish Assembly
 3. Treasurer's and Stewardship Chairman's Reports
 4. Phase II Progress Report
 5. 70th Anniversary Report
 6. Nominating Committee Report
 7. Election of Board of Auditors
 8. Election of Representatives to the 2006 Metropolis Clergy-Laity
 9. Old Business
 10. New Business
- Closing Prayer

In accordance with the our Parish By-Laws, a quorum consists of either 12 members of the Parish Council, the Dean, and twelve other parishioners in good standing, for a total of 25, minimum, or, if fewer than 12 members of the Parish Council are present, then a minimum of 75 parishioners in good standing, without regard to whether or not they serve on the Parish Council.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS **TO BE HELD DECEMBER 11**

Every year, parishioners in good standing are invited to participate in the administration of the parish by voting for individuals to serve on the Parish Council. The Parish Council consists of the Dean of the Cathedral and fifteen lay members. Eight members are voted one year to a two-year term; and seven members are voted the following year, also to a two-year term. By staggering, in this way, the Council provides for continuity and smooth transition.

This year, parishioners will vote for eight members. The election will take place on Sunday, December 11, following the Divine Liturgy. The election will be conducted by **George Mattis, Ted Leventis** and **Susan McLaughlin**, who were elected by the Parish Assembly at its May 15 meeting. Meanwhile, in their capacity as Nominating Committee, the three individuals named will place in nomination a slate of candidates at the next Parish Assembly, which will convene November 20.

The terms of the following eight members of the Parish Council expire December 31:

Michael Bagatelos, Philip Chiappari, Dina Koutoulas, Thomas A. Nuris, Nikolas Stathopoulos, George Vlahos, Gus Vouchilas, and James D. Vorrises.

CATHEDRAL **WELCOMES NEW** **CONSUL GENERAL OF GREECE**

Greece has a new Consul General in San Francisco, succeeding **Demetrios Touloupas**, who is now stationed in Ankara. The new Consul General is the **Honorable Polyxeni (or Xenia) Stefanidou**. As she takes up her post, Ms. Stefanidou, who was guest of honor at the Metropolis House, at a luncheon hosted by **Metropolitan Gerasimos** on October 13, has set out to visit the various Greek Orthodox Parishes.

She began with a visit to the Annunciation Cathedral on Sunday, October 16. Following the Liturgy, Fr. Stephen presented the new Consul General to the congregation. Ms. Stefanidou spoke of the continued good relationship between the Consulate General and the Church, and the services offered by the Consulate General. We wish Ms. Stefanidou well in her new post and look forward to seeing her at the many functions which will bring us together in the months and years ahead.

CATHEDRAL **SEEKS CATERER**

The Annunciation Cathedral is seeking a caterer to carry out its catering functions including, but not limited to, the following:

- Booking event dates in coordination with the Cathedral
- Meeting with clients
- Discussing menu options, including pricing, décor, and service of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Provide set-up and take-down services, including tables, chairs, linen and china
- Contracting valet/attendant parking services
- Contracting security services
- Providing labor associated with the event, including server and kitchen crew staffing, dish washing, and clean-up

Requirements for caterers who wish to be considered are:

- Minimum two years catering experience
- Liability insurance, minimum \$2 million
- Marketing and promotion of services at the Cathedral
- Monthly financial event reports and settlement with the Cathedral

Prospective caterers are invited to submit proposals, by December 1, 2005, to:

Annunciation Cathedral
Attn: Catering
245 Valencia Street
San Francisco, CA 94103-2320

415 864-8000
Fax: 415 431-5860
E-mail: dean@annunciation.org

Proposals should include:

- Your suggested menus
- Cost range
- References
- Education/experience
- List of purveyors used
- Copies of your standard agreement(s)

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

by Angie Leventis

The Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos is once again finishing off the year with two upcoming events. This year we hosted and participated in many events held at the Cathedral. I believe more than ever before and all for a good cause.

Oh well, we are still here and we welcome everyone to attend our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon to be held Sunday, November 13, 2005 following church services. The money raised from this event is for our many philanthropic commitments, both on a National level and the Metropolis level and most recently on a local level.

During the month of December, we will once again be collecting gifts for underprivileged children in our community. This year we plan to deliver these wonderful gifts which our parishioners so generously donate to a **Bayview Hunters Point Day Care Center** for children of all ages. The Angel Tree Project has been one of our most successful outreach projects for our community.

Last, but not least, we are announcing the 24th Annual Crab Feed which will take place Friday, January 20, 2006 starting with a reception at 6:00 p.m. and following with dinner at 7:30 p.m. The flyers are already out and we encourage everyone to make their reservations as soon as you can since this is a sellout every year. Of course, it will be a great crab feed as usual. For reservations and information, please contact **Pat Destein** at 415 883-7477 or **Ackie Argyres** at 415 751-2180.

EDUCATION: INTRODUCING THE ORTHODOX CHURCH

This course, which has resulted in a number of adult baptisms/chrisinations, currently is being taught by **Father Paul Schroeder**, Sunday mornings 9-10 a.m. We invite those who wish to explore, or learn more about the Orthodox Faith to attend these engaging sessions.

FATHER PAUL TO ASSUME PASTORATE OF HOLY TRINITY, PORTLAND PARISH

At a meeting of the Metropolis Council, which was convened at the Annunciation Cathedral on October 1, His Eminence **Metropolitan Gerasimos** announced that **Father Paul Schroeder** will be assuming the pastorate of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Portland, Oregon. He will replace **Father James Retelas**, who has been reassigned to the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Sacramento.

Father Paul assumes his new duties December 1. Accordingly, he will relinquish his duties at the Annunciation Cathedral, which have included assisting in the Divine Liturgy, teaching the Introduction to the Orthodox Church Class, heading the Learning Community Thursday evening class, and, of course, Community Link. All these programs have helped us in our development as

more knowledgeable and more caring Orthodox Christians. Consequently, we are indebted to Father Paul for his ministry here.

While we are sad to see him leave us, we wish him and his family well in Portland. The best way to say thank you is to perpetuate the aforementioned educational, spiritual and philanthropic programs.

LEARNING COMMUNITY

Our Thursday evening study is also being taught by **Father Paul Schroeder**. Our theme for this semester's study has been "Building the New City." We are focusing on the Ten Commandments ("You shall have no other gods before me..." Exodus 20:1-12) and the Beatitudes ("Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven..." Matthew 5:1-12), reflecting on how these important texts from the Old and New Testaments might help us to envision and create a new world, a "new heaven and a new earth, where justice abides" (II Peter 3:13).

We are also reading a book together: "The Ladder of the Beatitudes" by Jim Forest.

13TH REMEMBERING HOME BANQUET AND SILENT AUCTION BENEFITS IOCC

IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities), which provides assistance to people in need around the globe, more recently to the victims of the Hurricane Katrina, is the beneficiary of the Remembering Home banquets, now in their 13th year.

This year's event will be held Sunday, November 13 at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Ascension in Oakland. Pan Orthodox Vespers will be celebrated beginning at 4 p.m. A reception and silent auction will follow at 5 p.m. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. and will feature entertainment by St. Nicholas Antiochian "Debke" Dancers, Ascension Cathedral's Greek dancers, and the Balka Balalaika. **David Hanna** is this year's master chef and special guest is our new Metropolitan, **His Eminence Gerasimos of San Francisco**. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased through the **Ascension Cathedral** or by calling 510/531-3400.

ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL'S 2006 DIRECTORY

Thank you to the many parishioners, friends and supporting business of the Cathedral for your timely response to the 2006 directory mailing which was recently sent. The additional information you furnished, as E mail addresses, as well as your corrections and other instructions, will contribute greatly to the accuracy of our 2006 directory. Again, thank you.

FOCUS ON YOUTH

TALKS WITH FATHER

A monthly gathering of our teenagers began this year, on Wednesday, September 7. Entitled "Talks with Father," this 7:00-8:30 p.m. gathering centers around issues of special concern to teens and how answers to these concerns can be found in the Bible and in the Life of the Church (for example, in the Church Fathers).

Some 25 of our teenagers gathered for the first and second sessions, and have enthusiastically said they will come to the third session, to be held on Wednesday, November 2. We will meet promptly at 7 p.m. at **Mitchell's Ice Cream**, located at 688 San Jose Avenue, at 29th Street, San Francisco for ice cream sundaes and then come to the Cathedral for our session. For December, we will meet and go to **Father Gregory's** home, for our session, for something to eat, and for a swim.

FOLK DANCE PROGRAM IN FULL SWING

Here we are, the first week of November, and our dance group program is in full swing, with a workshop already behind us.

Our groups practice as follows:

Kymata practices on Tuesday evenings, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
Ta Angelakia practices 6:30 to 7:30, also on Tuesday evenings, followed by **Filadelfakia**, which practices from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Arete, our oldest group, practices on Sundays, following the Divine Liturgy, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
 Our smallest group, **Kyklos**, made up of pre-schoolers, kindergarteners and first-graders, is directed by **Alexandra Kallas**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: A WONDERFUL LEARNING COMMUNITY

Sunday School is in the forefront of our religious educational endeavors. Thanks go to the parents, who encourage their children's participation (we have about 150 enrolled in the program), and to our dedicated team of teachers, who volunteer their time to teach and share our Orthodox Christian Faith. Our faculty for 2005-2006 are as follows:

Pre-Kindergarten-

Sophie Makras and Erika Panagiotopoulos

Kindergarten

Elizabeth Yisak and Zaid Tewelde

First Grade

Effie Vellis and Paula Kitses

Second Grade

Elaine Makras

Third/Fourth Grades

Mary Tonas and Annette Chiappari

Fifth/Sixth Grades

Maria Allen and Tina Kontonis

Seventh/Eighth

Gus Vouchilas and Eleni Kalligeros

High School

Caroline Pappajohn and

Fathers Paul and Gregory

Denise Yeilding is our Principal.

The program operates under the supervision of our Dean, **Father Stephen**, and our religious education committee. Together with classroom instruction, "teaching" Liturgies, projects and programs, as the St. John Oratorical Festival and the Christmas Pageant, our school is a wonderful learning community, where learning, caring and sharing converge, inspired by our Orthodox Christian Faith.

During the course of the year, our young people are given flyers announcing any number of curricular and extra curricular activities. We invite our parents to review them with your children and assist in any way you can, as we endeavor to help your children and one another grow in knowledge of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ.

GREEK SCHOOL RESUMES (EFHARISTO)

We are pleased that our Greek School, under the direction of **Demetra Armenakis**, has resumed. Classes are held in the second floor conference room Wednesdays, 4 to 6 p.m. We are back up to eight students. We are endeavoring to grow the program by proceeding not only with the teaching of the Greek language, but an appreciation for Greek history and culture as well. Won't you consider attending Greek School?

PHILOPTOCHOS HOLIDAY BRUNCH DECEMBER 3

This year's Holiday Brunch, sponsored by the **Metropolis Philoptochos Board**, will be held at the Nativity of Christ Church, 1110 Highland Drive, Novato, Saturday, December 3, beginning with a reception at 11a.m. and luncheon at noon. Tickets are \$45. There will be three Christmas tree drawings with prizes under the trees, valued at \$1,000 plus holiday entertainment to greet the season. Proceeds benefit the **Student Aid Endowment Fund**, which supports our Metropolis students studying at Hellenic College/Holy Cross.

To make reservations or for further information call **Pat Aleck** at 415 431-2600 or **Rose Hunter** at 415 491-4159.

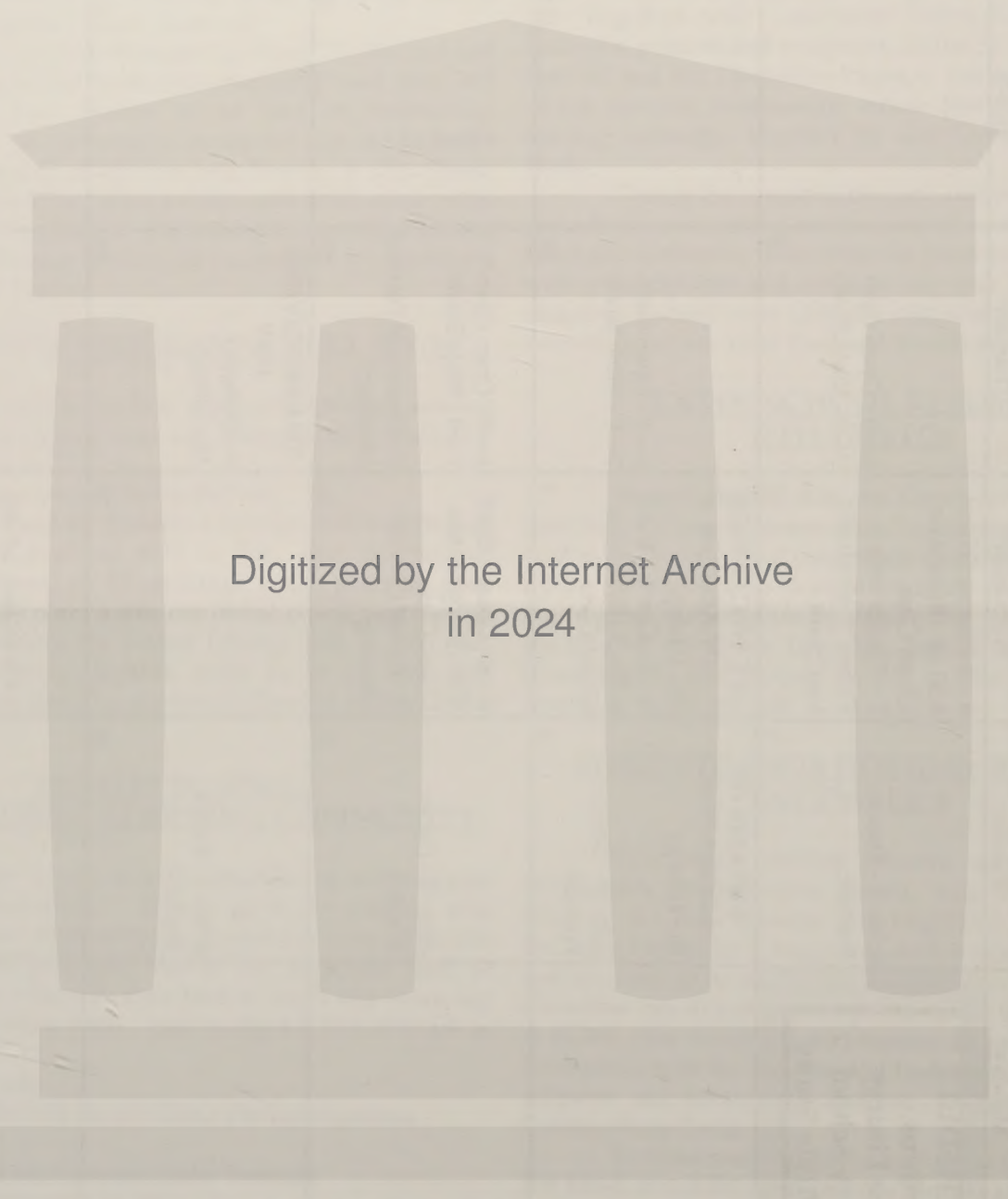
COME RECEIVE THE LIGHT

"Come Receive the Light" is the name of the only National Orthodox satellite-distributed radio program. It can be heard Saturdays at 8:30 am and Sundays at 1:30 pm. on KDIA, 1640 AM on your radio dial. You may also log on to www.receive.org to download past programs onto your computer or IPOD. Tune in.

Annunciation Cathedral Calendar of Events

November 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SUNDAY SCHEDULE 9 am - Orthros 10:30 - Divine Liturgy 10:30 - Sunday School 12:30 - Greek Bible Study		6:30 - 9 - Dance Practice	4 - 6 - Greek School 6:30 - 9 - Byzantine Chant Class 7 - ""Talks with Father" - Mitchell's Ice Cream	6---9 - Open Gym 7---9 - Bible Study		
9:00 - Introducing the Orthodox Church 12:30 - GOYA Elections		SYNAXIS OF ARCHANGELS 10 - Liturgy 6:30 - 9 - Dance Practice	ST. NECTARIOS OF AEGINA 10 - Liturgy 4 - 6 - Greek School 6:30 - 9 - Byzantine Chant Class	6---9 - Open Gym 7---9 - Bible Study		10 - Preparation for Thanksgiving Luncheon
9:00 - Introducing the Orthodox Church -Thanksgiving Luncheon -IOCC Dinner - Oakland		6:30 - 9 - Dance Practice	4 - 6 - Greek School 6:30 - 9 - Byzantine Chant Class 7 - Parish Council Meeting	6---9 - Open Gym 7---9 - Bible Study 7 - Oratorical Festival Meeting		10 - Community Link - FoodPrep 7:30 - Concert - Alkaïos/Dionisiou 1111 Gough Street
9:00 - Introducing the Orthodox Church Parish Assembly 1-3 - Dance Practice		6:30 - 9 - Dance Practice		THANKSGIVING DAY 9 - Orthros 10 - Liturgy		ST. STYLIANOS 10 - Liturgy
1-3 - Dance Practice			4 - 6 - Greek School 6:30 - 9 - Byzantine Chant Class			



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WILLIAM KORINTHIAS - IN LOVING MEMORY

By Michael Canellos

On Saturday, October 10th, **William Korinthias** peacefully fell asleep in the arms of our Lord.

As I silently paused, in a moment of reverence, to reflect and remember, I inexplicably found myself slowly being drawn back to a different era. A time devoid of internet, cell phones, laptops, virtual entertainment - in essence, a serene and more simplistic time. It was a period of faith and innocence, of pride and hard work, of dreams and determination. It was an age when a generation of Americans revered, cherished, and honored God, country, and family.

On January 27, 1912, **Gregory and Andriana Korinthias** were blessed with the birth of their son **William**. He was one of four children: Spiro, Maria, and Athena, born to the Korinthias'.

It is said that God bestows upon every newborn child a unique virtue. His gift to Bill was a most rare and precious one, humanitarianism. Throughout Bill's lifetime, his benevolence, goodness, and warmth, were the cornerstone and fabric of his existence. Although, for over 50 years, Bill administered a successful insurance agency in San Francisco, monetary gain was never a thought. Helping to protect and insure his friends and families' futures was always paramount to Bill. As a young man growing up in San Francisco's large and growing Greek community, Bill was not only respected for his academic achievements and athletic prowess, but for his integrity as well.

A native of San Francisco, Bill attended Polytechnic High School, where he excelled at baseball, soccer, track, and basketball. In 1928 and 1929, he was chosen "All City" in basketball. During these early formative years, Bill realized that athletics, in its purest sense, embodied the qualities of sacrifice, commitment, teamwork, and sportsmanship. It would be these principles that would personify his entire life.

In 1932, Bill attended his first Olympics, and, in 1936, he accompanied the Greek Olympic team as an "honorary basketball coach" to the games in Berlin. It was here that Bill witnessed the legendary feats of the great American **Jessie Owens** and the ultimate failings of Adolph Hitler's Arian race. This inspiring experience not only would forever remain with Bill, but constantly reaffirmed his faith in the attributes of athletics.

In 1942, Bill joined the United States Navy, and, while serving his country admirably, rose to the rank of Chief Petty Officer. At the conclusion of World War II, Bill returned to his beloved San Francisco, where providence brought him to the Annunciation. For the next 30 years, Bill was not only an active member of the Parish Council, but an advocate and supporter of parish athletics throughout the Hellenic community. He was instrumental in the creation and administration of the **Orthodox Youth Athletic Association**, served as a member of the **AHEPA Hall of Fame Committee**, was the Sports Information Director and Sportswriter for the

Hellenic Journal and the first Athletic Director at the **Annunciation Cathedral**.

In addition to being presented the esteemed **Patriarch Athenagoras Humanitarian Award**, he was also elected to the AHEPA Hall of Fame, and was the recipient of the **Medal of St. Paul**, which is the highest award that can be bestowed upon a layman. Bill was also a member of the Yerba Buena Fishing Club, Seniors In Retirement, and The GodFather's Club.

If one was to ask me as to what is the legacy of Bill Korinthias, and how would he like us to remember him? I would simply say that his legacy is to be found in the eyes of the children who are playing in the Center that bears his name. It is to be found in the spirit of fair play, faith and humility, the very core of his character. When someone embodies these qualities, he will never be forgotten. Bill Korinthias taught us how to live our lives with grace and dignity. His life was a testament to the importance of serving God, country, community, and family.

May his memory be eternal!

GIORGOS ALKAIOS AND STELIOS DIONISIOU CONCERT TO BENEFIT ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL

On Saturday, November 19, **Alkaios and Dionisiou**, well-known singers of modern Greek popular music, will sing at St. Mary's Cathedral Conference Center, located at 1111 Gough Street (lower level), in San Francisco. They are being presented by **Tony Kutulas** and **Hellenikozmo**, with opening set by DJ **George Stavropoulos**. General and VIP Reserved seating ranges from \$100 to \$125, and includes individual meze plate served before 10:30 p.m. General Admission is \$70. The event will take place 7:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. 20% of the proceeds will come as a benefit to the Annunciation Cathedral.

For ticket sales and additional information, contact **Tony Kutulas** at 650 652-9817, or **Greek Imports** at 650 994-3321 or **George Stavropoulos** at 650 296-9582.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Our **Sunday Bible Study**, taught by **Marina Taylor**, following the Divine Liturgy, is an important ministry for our parishioners, particularly those whose native language is Greek. Since this study is held primarily in Greek, we invite those who wish to learn about our Faith in their native language, to attend this wonderful gathering of our faithful. The topic for this semester is an in-depth look at the Book of Revelation, also known as the Apocalypse. In addition to reading the text, the class explores interpretations of the text by the Church Fathers and how these may be applied to our modern day lives and to our faith.

ΝΕΑ ΤΟΥ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΣΜΟΥ

ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΕΣ ΕΙΔΗΣΕΙΣ

ΤΑ 70 ΧΡΟΝΙΑ ΜΑΣ

Η 26η Οκτωβρίου ήταν πραγματικά μία ιστορική ημέρα που άρχισε με Θεία Λειτουργία το πρωί...ήτο η Γιορτή του Αγίου Μεγαλομάρτυρος Δημητρίου του Μυροβλήτου...και τέλειωσε με συνεδίαση μελών του Καθεδρικού Ναού και τη διοργάνωση επιτροπών για τον εορτασμό των 70 χρόνων του Ευαγγελισμού (συγκεκριμένα το έτος 1936, αφού είχε ιδρυθεί το 1921 σαν "Αγία Σοφία").

Οργανώθηκαν τρεις επιτροπές. Η μία, με πρόεδρο τον Αθανάσιο Νούρη, θα αναλάβει τη δεύτερη φάση της οικοδομής, δηλαδή πάρκιγκ για 150 περίπου αυτοκίνητα και ναό. Η δεύτερη επιτροπή, με πρόεδρο την Αγγελική Λεβέντη, θα αναλάβει το αναμνηστικό λεύκωμα που θα τυπωθεί με την ευκαιρία των 70 χρόνων του Ευαγγελισμού. Το λεύκωμα θα περιέχει την ιστορία από την ίδρυση της Κοινότητας, φωτογραφίες, συγχαρητήρια γράμματα και αγγελίες, ένα βιβλίο κάπως σαν αυτό που εκδίδεται με το ετήσιο φεστιβάλ, μονάχα μεγαλύτερο, και πιο πλούσιο, σε υλικό και σε εμφάνιση. Η τρίτη επιτροπή, με πρόεδρο την Παναγιώτα Αλεξοπούλου, θα αναλάβει το δέιπνο για τις 11 Νοεμβρίου 2006 ως και όλα τα του δείπνου, προσκλητήρια, φαγητό, πρόγραμμα κλπ.

Επίσης, όλες οι συγκεντρώσεις κατά τη διάρκεια του έτους θα τιμήσουν τα 70 χρόνια του Ευαγγελισμού, από το Εθνικό η Αρχιεπισκοπικό Ρητορικό Φεστιβάλ που θα λάβει χώρα στον Καθεδρικό Ναό, 2-4 Ιουνίου, την συνεδρίαση για πρώτη φορά του Γυναικείου Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου του Ιδρύματος Πατριάρχου Αθηναγόρα, που θα λάβει χώρα στον Καθεδρικό Ναό στις 21 Μαρτίου, μέχρι και την πνευματική σύσκεψη η σύναξη που θα λάβει χώρα στις 4 Μαρτίου με θέμα: Τι είναι αυτό (η αυτά) που μας κάνει Ορθόδοξους;

ΓΕΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΝΕΛΕΥΣΗ ΣΤΙΣ 20 ΝΟΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ

Καλούνται τα μέλη του Καθεδρικού Ναού να λάβουν μέρος στην δεύτερη Γενική Συνέλευση των Μελών του έτους 2005. Η Γενική αυτή Συνέλευση θα λάβει χώρα στην αίθουσα συνεδριάσεως του Καθεδρικού μας Ναού, μετά την Θεία Λειτουργία την Κυριακή 20 Νοεμβρίου. Η ημερησία διάταξη έχει ως ακολούθως:

Προσευχή

1. Εκλογή Προέδρου της Συνελεύσεως
2. Πρακτικά της Γενικής Συνελεύσεως της 15 Μαΐου 2005
3. Αναφορά Ταμία
4. Αναφορά σχετικά με την 2η φάση της οικοδομής
5. Εορτασμός των 70 χρόνων
6. Αναφορά Ονομαστικής Επιτροπής
7. Εκλογή Εξελεγκτικής Επιτροπής
8. Εκλογή Εκπροσώπων στη Γενική Συνέλευση της Μητροπόλεως
9. Παλαιά θέματα
10. Νέα θέματα

Προσευχή

ΚΟΛΩΣ ΟΡΙΖΟΥΜΕ

ΤΗΝ Κ ΠΟΛΥΞΕΝΗ (ΞΕΝΙΑ) ΣΤΕΦΑΝΙΔΟΥ, ΓΕΝΙΚΟ ΠΡΟΞΕΝΟ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΑΣ

Την Κυριακή 16 Οκτωβρίου, ο Καθεδρικός Ναός είχε την τιμή να καλώς ορίσει τον νέο Γενικό Πρόξενο της Ελλάδας στον Άγιο Φραγκίσκο, την **κ Πολυξένη (Ξένια) Στεφανίδου**, η οποία επισκέπτεται τις διάφορες ενορίες της Μητροπόλεως αρχίζοντας από τον Καθεδρικό Ναό. Τις ευχόμεσθε τα βέλτιστα. Ο Θεός ας ενισχύει το έργο της και του Γενικού μας Προξενείου, ας προστατεύει δε τη φιλή μας και το έθνος μας.

ΣΥΝΕΧΙΖΟΥΝ ΤΑ ΜΑΘΗΜΑΤΑ

Ευχαριστούμε τόσο τους γονείς όσο και τους δασκάλους για την επιτυχία μέχρι τώρα του Κατηχητικού μας Σχολείου, σκοπός του οποίου δεν είναι μόνον να μαζεύει τα παιδιά και να τα φροντίζει κατά τη διάρκεια της Θείας Λειτουργίας αλλά, μαζί με τους γονείς, να τα οδηγεί στον δρόμο του Θεού, διδάσκοντας την πατροπαράδοτη και πολύτιμη Ορθόδοξή μας Πίστη.

Μετά χαράς πληροφορείσθε ότι το Ελληνικό μας Σχολείο λειτουργεί κανονικά, με δασκάλα την Δήμητρα Αρμενάκη, κάθε Τετάρτη 4-6 το απόγευμα. Παροτρύνεσθε όπως φέρντε τα παιδιά σας και στο Ελληνικό Σχολείο, όχι μόνον για να μάθουν την γλώσσα, αλλά και κάτι από τον πολυτισμό και την ιστορία της Ελλάδας, που θα τα επηρεάσει θετικά για όλη τους τη ζωή.

Επίσης πληροφορείσθε ότι τα χορευτικά μας συγκροτήματα συνέρχονται κάθε Τρίτη. Το συγκρότημα Κύματα ασκείται 7:30-9 το βράδυ. Τα Αγγελάκια ασκούνται 6:30-7:30 το βράδυ, και στη συνέχεια τα Φιλάδελφάκια ασκούνται 7:30-8:30 το βράδυ. Η Αρετή (που αποτελείται από ενήλικα παιδιά, ως επί το πλείστον του πανεπιστημίου) ασκείται τις Κυριακές, 1:30-3 το απόγευμα. Στο μεταξύ η Αλεξάνδρα Καλλιρή θα διδάσκει τα μικρά μας μωρά, 4-6 ετών, το συγκρότημα αυτό ονομάστηκε "Ο Κύκλος." Επίσης παροτρύνεσθε όπως γράψετε τα μικρά σας παιδάκια στο σημαντικό πολιτιστικό αυτό πρόγραμμα.

ΜΑΘΗΜΑΤΑ ΓΙΑ ΕΝΗΛΙΚΟΥΣ

Το μάθημα Τι Είναι η Ορθόδοξη Πίστη, για προσήλυτους αλλά και για όλους όσοι επιθυμούν να μάθουν περισσότερα για την διδασκαλία της Εκκλησίας μας, διδάσκεται τις Κυριακές, 9-10 το πρωί.

Επίσης, κάθε Κυριακή, αμέσως μετά την Θ. Λειτουργία, η Μαρίνα Τέυλορ συνεχίζει το μάθημα της Βιβλικής μελέτης, με θέμα, εφέτος, η Αποκάλυψη του Ιωάννου. Το μάθημα αυτό γίνεται στην ελληνική γλώσσα.

Τέλος, ο Πατέρας Παύλος διδάσκει, κάθε Πέμπτη, 7 με 9 το βράδυ, μάθημα με θέμα "Κτίζοντας την Πόλη." Αναλύει σαν συντελεστικούς παράγοντες τους Μακαρισμούς και τις Δέκα Εντολές.

Καλείσθε όπως παρακολουθήσετε τα διαφωτιστικά αυτά μαθήματα που παρέχει η Κοινότητα μας ειδικά για τα ενήλικα μέλη της.

ΚΑΤΑΛΟΓΟΣ ΜΕΛΩΝ ΚΑΙ ΦΙΛΩΝ ΤΟΥ ΚΑΘΕΔΡΙΚΟΥ ΜΑΣ ΝΑΟΥ

Ευχαριστούμε τα μέλη και τους φίλους του Καθεδρικού μας Ναού για την γρήγορη ανταπόκριση τους στο ερωτηματολόγιο που εστάλη πρόσφατα εν σχέσει με τον κατάλογο που 2006. Έτσι, η τύπωση του καταλόγου προβλέπεται να γίνει κατά τον Δεκέμβριο και η διανομή στις αρχές του Ιανουαρίου.

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΙΑΤΙΚΗ ΚΑΡΤΑ

Παρακαλείσθε όπως δηλώσετε την επιθυμία σας να περιληφθεί και το δικό σας όνομα στην Κοινοτική Χριστουγεννιάτικη Κάρτα που θα τυπώσει ο Καθεδρικός Ναός με την ευκαιρία των

Χριστουγέννων και θα αποστείλει στα μέλη του. Η προσφορά σας εκ. 25 δολλ. Θα καλύψει την αγορά της και τα ταχυδρομικά τέλη της κάρτας.

ΟΜΙΛΙΕΣ ΜΕ ΤΟΝ ΠΑΤΕΡΑ ΣΤΥΛΙΑΝΟ

Στις 2 Νοεμβρίου, ημέρα Τετάρτη, 7 με 8:30 το βράδυ, συνεχίζεται η συνάντηση της νεολαίας (13-18 χρόνων) του Καθεδρικού μας Ναού με τον Πατέρα Στυλιανό. Η συζήτηση γίνεται γύρω από θέματα που απασχολούν τα παιδιά μας, όπως π.χ. ο πόλεμος και η ειρήνη, ο Θεός και η επιστήμη, το σεξ, ο θάνατος, η ασθένεια, η δικαιοσύνη, η καύση των νεκρών, η υποκρισία, η προδοσία, τα ναρκωτικά, κλπ. Στις πρώτες δύο συναντήσεις έλαβαν μέρος πάνω από 25 παιδιά.

SERVICES IN OCTOBER

BAPTISM

Antonia Emilia, daughter of Nikolaos Peter Paras and Shannon Maree McKittrick, was baptized October 15. Her sponsors are Mary Stathopoulos Brimhall and Demetra Paras.

Na Mas Zisi! (Long Life!)

MARRIAGES

The marriage of Andreas Psarras and Nicole Rene Covell was blessed October 8. Their sponsor is Demostenis Vallianos.

The marriage of Kosta P. Koutoulas and Stephanie Ross was blessed October 8. Their sponsor is Steve Agelopoulos.

Na Mas Zisoun! (Long Life!)

FUNERAL

William Korinthias, who fell asleep in the Lord October 10, was buried October 14. He is survived by his wife, Elsie Korinthias, and by several nephews and nieces.

Aionia aftou I mnimi (May his memory be eternal!)

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Our Sunday Bible Study, taught by Marina Taylor, following the Divine Liturgy, is an important ministry for our parishioners, particularly those whose native language is Greek. Since this study is held primarily in Greek, we invite those who wish to learn about our Faith in their native language, to attend this wonderful gathering of our faithful. The topic for this semester is an in-depth look at the Book of Revelation, also known as the Apocalypse. In addition to reading the text, the class explores interpretations of the text by the Church Fathers and how these may be applied to our modern day lives and to our faith.

OUR 2005 CHRISTMAS CARD: WON'T YOU TAKE A MOMENT

Once again, we are planning a beautiful Christmas card, to include as many of our parishioners as possible. During the next four weeks, Annette Chiappari and her assistant volunteers will approach you during the coffee hour and invite your participation. The donation is only \$25. per line—a small token when one considers the postage alone for sending cards to even 10% of their fellow parishioners. If you prefer, you may call the Cathedral at 415 864-8000 or complete and return the form below. We thank you for helping make our 2005 Christmas Card a successful undertaking. Yes, include me/us in the Cathedral's 2005 Christmas Card, listing my/our name(s) as follows:

I/we enclose a check for \$25. payable to: Annunciation Cathedral Christmas Card.
Please mail to: 245 Valencia Street, San Francisco, California 94103-2320.



Back in 1987 when Father Stephen and Father James became our priests. Can you name the altar boys?

From left to right: Jim Bozionelos, Costas Vellis, Nick Rally, James Glafkides, Steve Georgiou, & Aris Vellis

DATES
TO REMEMBER

JANUARY 20, 2006
Annual Crab Feed

FEBRUARY 18-20, 2006
Folk Dance Festival
San Diego
30th Anniversary

NOVEMBER 11, 2006
Annunciation Cathedral
70th Anniversary
Celebration

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HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING!

LET US ALL  
GIVE THANKS  
FOR OUR  
EVERY DAY  
BLESSINGS!

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